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The Mayor On the Stand

Further Proceedings In Waterworks Case in Supreme Court.

Mayor Barnard Gives Evidence Respecting the Secret Agreement.

Ald Fell and Water Commissioner Relate What They Know of Matter.

N resuming the hearing in the waterworks case yesterday morning, Theo Lubbe was recalled by Mr. Taylor who desired a little information as to who was solicitor for the company at the time they first secured incorporation. In answer to his questions witness stated that Mr. Ebers was solicitor at the time they secured the first incorporation, and Mr. Pooley when they secured the amendments to the Act.

The evidence of J. L. Raynor, water commissioner, which was taken at the examination for discovery, was put in by Mr. Lazton and Mr. Taylor put in the cross-examination.

Mr. Peters, again called Theo Lubbe for some information on the proposed reservoir at Smith Hill.

Witness stated that the hill was about two miles from the city and had an elevation of about 210 feet. It would also be necessary to construct a reservoir at that position, if the water was secured from Goldstream.

A communication from Mayor Barnard to Mr. Buntzen was read which showed that the names of a number of engineers had been submitted and Mr. Buntzen had been required to consult his chief engineer relative to their qualifications.

Mr. Bodwell then opened the case for the city by calling W. J. Dowler, but he adjourned his examination to allow the witness to secure some documents from the city hall.

J. L. Raynor was then called.

In answer to Mr. Bodwell he stated that it was the intention of the city to use the waste water after it had passed the power-house. The water would have to be taken from a dam which it would be necessary to build in order to prevent the water from flowing into the sea.

In answer to Mr. Peters witness stated that he had applied for 5,000 miners inches of water. That was more than the available supply but the city could only get what the commissioner allotted to them. He applied for 1,000 on Niagara and 1,000 on Arbutus Canons.

J. H. McGregor was recalled by Mr. Bodwell who testified that he had posted the notices and that he had done so on the 24th of August. Three notices had been posted on Goldstream one of which was near the bed of the river and would be near the point of diversion. He also stated that there was water in the river on that date and it was what he would call a running stream.

To Mr. Peters he stated that only one of the notices was in the bed of the river.

Major Barnard was the next witness and was examined by Mr. Bodwell and cross examined by Mr. Peters.

He had been Mayor of Victoria for two years.

Mr. Bodwell—When did you first consider the advisability of securing water from Goldstream?

Witness—About the spring of 1904, Mr. Bodwell—State in general terms what caused you as Mayor and the council to consider this advisability?

Witness—There had been a great many complaints from the public over the water supply from Elk Lake. The council thought that they could overcome this by putting in meters and had spent about \$3,000 a year for two years endeavoring to remedy the complaints, but the public were opposed to the idea and something had to be done. It was very foolish in his opinion to do anything more to Elk Lake and consequently they had to look for some other place.

The citizens were then being supplied by the Esquimalt Waterworks company and they were complaining that they were being charged more than the other ratepayers of the city.

Mr. Bodwell—Were there any representations made to the council on this subject by the ratepayers of this district?

Witness—Yes; and a special committee was appointed to enquire into the matter. This was in 1903. The water question had occupied the attention of the council ever since he had been on the board especially in the summer months.

Mr. Bodwell—How has the question been discussed by the council?

Witness—In no particular place or time.

Mr. Bodwell—There is some misun-

derstanding about you making negotiations without the consent of the council?

Witness—The first time I mentioned the subject was with Mr. Buntzen when I asked him to make some proposition in order that I could put it before the council.

Witness spoke to the city barrister, Mr. Taylor, relative to the city's rights. Letters passed between Mr. Buntzen and himself in consequence, and Mr. Buntzen made an alternative proposition either to take water from the city or to lay a pipe line to the city. The proposition was laid before the council. He knew that the electric company had stakes for water at Shawnigan lake and had in view the putting in of its own power plant. If this were done he thought the Esquimalt company might not be averse to selling.

Mr. Bodwell—Was it the intention to purchase the property?

Witness—That was the intention. We had information on the value of the property of the Waterworks company outside of what the capital stock was and thought that we could secure it for about \$100,000 or \$50,000 along with what it would cost to bring the water into the city which he thought would cost about \$300,000 or \$400,000 and the whole to cost after being distributed about \$1,100,000.

By getting \$10,000 of a revenue from the power company and by settling the Victoria West trouble it was believed the scheme would be made acceptable to the people.

He had been told that the company and the British Columbia Electric company were not on very good terms and he thought that it would be a good time for the city to try and purchase. He had in fact been told that Mr. Lubbe had said that he did not want to supply small consumers.

Mr. Bodwell—Your negotiations with Mr. Buntzen were carried along what lines and for what purpose?

Witness—To get a revenue and to assist in making an agreement with the water company. Mr. Buntzen and the water company were on bad terms and it looked as if the city could step in and get an agreement binding the electric company to give the city a certain revenue.

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Plans for a Big Steel Plant

Sale of the McMillan-Robinson Group of Iron Claims In East Kootenay.

Possibility of Establishment of a Big Industry in Northern B. C.

With the announcement of the sale of the McMillan-Robinson group of iron claims on Hooker creek, an affluent of Kootenay lake, to eastern capitalists, as contained in a dispatch from Nelson, published yesterday, mining men acquainted with the conditions in that district are enthused over the possibility of the early establishment of a big steel making industry in southern British Columbia. Interviewed with regard to the sale and the probable outlook for the erection of rolling mills for the manufacture of both iron and steel, W. Blakemore, M. E., of Nelson, who is in the city, stated to a Colonist reporter that he had received confirmation of the sale. He is well acquainted with the property, having in October made a report on the group for the owners and the prospective purchasers. It is on his report that the purchase has been concluded. He said:

"I have for five years done my utmost to direct attention to the hematite deposits of Kootenay, and ever since I negotiated the deal for the Kitchener property with the Canadian Pacific railway I have felt convinced that it was only a question of a very few years before steel would be manufactured somewhere on Kootenay lake. I consider that this deal assures its accomplishment in the near future and is a factor of prime importance in the development of this province."

Speaking of the iron on this group, he said it was high-grade specular hematite entirely free from phosphorus and titanium, and containing a low percentage of silver. The veins are not interstratified to any considerable extent with inferior matter, the only admixture being lime, which would render the matter of fluxing easy of accomplishment. There are three well-defined veins on the property from nine to twelve feet in width. Seven claims are in the group sold.

In discussing the commercial aspect of the iron manufacturing industry, Mr. Blakemore pointed out that the cost of steel manufactured in the eastern states and transported from 2,000 to 3,000 miles to this province entails a very heavy freight charge. The present consumption of pig iron in British Columbia is roughly 30,000 tons a year, but in the neighboring states to the south—Montana, Idaho, Washington and Oregon—the consumption exceeds 100,000 tons, and throughout the Pacific Northwest the demand is rapidly increasing.

The savings bank was subjected to a run, and at the state bank a long line of nervous men and women waited to exchange paper money for gold. The bank officials did not attempt to dissuade them and exchanged rolls of bills for gold as fast as they were presented. At Khanhoff it is reported that 5,000 soldiers have agreed not to fire on the people, and at Rostoff the Third grenadier artillery, consisting of 400 men, have held a meeting and formulated service demands. Similar action, it is rumored, has been taken by the military engineers at Odessa and by troops in several places in the Baltic provinces.

The declaration of martial law in Livonia is due principally to agrarian troubles. Large bands of peasants are marching and pillaging. It is reported that Dorpat is in flames.

A stringent law to prevent agitation for political strikes and the spread of propaganda prejudicial to the discipline of the army and navy is about to be issued.

The election is not believed to be finally completed until next week. Premier Witte's response to the zemstvo's will not be made until tomorrow.

London, Dec. 8.—The St. Petersburg correspondent of the Daily Mail, in a despatch sent by way of Eydkuhnen,

was not large enough to justify the ne-

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In a State Of Turmoil

Russian Mutineers Sieze Arsenals and Secure Large Number of Rifles.

Situation at Kleff Described as Being a Very Serious One.

Revolutionary Ferment Spreading Throughout Entire Country.

East Prussia, says: "Prominent military commanders everywhere are requesting permission to resign. The minister of war himself (Lieut.-Gen. Rudiger) has asked the Emperor to allow him to retire. The minister of the interior (M. Durnovo) and others have followed the example of the minister of war. Count Witte stands alone, and even he is losing heart."

UNITED STATES AND DENMARK.

Washington, Dec. 7.—The Senate in executive session today ratified the extradition treaty between the United States and Denmark, signed November 6, 1905.

IN SAN DOMINGO.

San Domingo, Dec. 7.—Senor Sanchez, the minister of foreign affairs, has resigned. Until his successor is appointed, the foreign minister will be in charge of the ministry of finance. This ends the differences between President Morales and the vice-president.

A MILD WRECK.

New York, Dec. 7.—A defective switch at Mothaven wrecked the New York Central passenger train which left Troy for New York at about 11 o'clock today. None of the passengers were injured.

NEW INSURANCE LAWS.

Washington, D. C., Dec. 7.—Representative Morell, of Pennsylvania, today introduced in the house a bill placing insurance companies under the control and supervision of the department of commerce and labor and a second insurance bill extending the sovereign territorial power of the United States over the fire companies and other corporations organized under state laws.

BRITISH BY-ELECTION.

London, Dec. 7.—The result of the by-elections yesterday in the New Forest division of Hampshire caused by the succession of the Hon. Scott Montagu (Conservative) to the peerage, was that H. F. Compton, managed to retain the seat for Conservatives by the narrow majority of 199.

Nine Killed in A Train Wreck

Overland Limited on the Union Pacific Ditched Near Omaha.

Debris Caught Fire and Several of the Victims Were Incinerated.

O MAHIA, Dec. 7.—Nine persons were killed and eleven train employees and eight passengers were injured in the wreck of the Overland Limited on the Union Pacific five miles west of Rock Springs, Wyo., today. The limited was run into, head-on, by a freight train and both engines were demolished. The dynamo car and the dining car on the limited burned to the wheels. Several of the dead were incinerated. The dead are: First Cook James Busbee, Omaha; Second Cook Ed Rosenbaum, Oakland; Fourth Cook John Laws, Omaha; two mail clerks (names not given); Electrician Sliger and Assistant Engineer Brink, Rawlins; Brakeman Smith, Rawlins. The three dead cooks are white men.

Freight Mistook Orders

An extra freight was given an order to leave Rock Springs to meet four eastbound passenger trains, of which the Overland Limited was the last one, at Ah Say, a siding five miles west of Rock Springs. The freight took the siding and waited until three of the trains had passed east, and then pulled out. When a mile and a half west of Ah Say it met the Overland Limited. Both engines were demolished and three cars of the limited immediately caught fire and were destroyed. Engineer Brink of the freight train, who it is stated officially was responsible for overrunning his orders, was one of the killed.

Recovering the Bodies

Omaha, Neb. Dec. 7.—Division Surgeon Reed and several division officials from Rock Springs arrived at the wreck shortly after it occurred. The bodies of the dead were removed to Rock Springs. The mail car was the scene of the greatest mortality. In this car four clerks were working when the crash came. Three of them were killed outright and the fourth, Shaefer, was probably fatally hurt.

L. Park, general superintendent of the Union Pacific road, stated that Conductor Roy Darrell and Engineer Brink was responsible for the wreck and that Conductor Darrell has admitted that he became confused as to the number of trains that had passed Ah Say.

Superintendent Parks is informed that none of the passengers received fatal injuries.

A SEA ROMANCE.

Explosion on Steamer Carlisle, Chartered by Russian Government.

London, Dec. 7.—A news agency says that a telegram has been received here from Saigon, French Indo-China, saying that an explosion has occurred on the steamer Carlisle in the harbor of Saigon.

The Carlisle was chartered by the Russian government to carry supplies from Vladivostok to Port Arthur before the surrender of the latter fortress. She lost her propeller and drifted to San Miguel bay Island of Luzon, whence she was towed to Manila. In May last she arrived at Saigon, and was detained there on suspicion of carrying contraband of war. Later it was learned that her cargo consisted of arms and ammunition valued at \$4,500,000, and that after the conclusion of peace she was compelled to remain at Saigon because the Russian government refused to pay her time charges.

THE MONEY SITUATION.

Washington, Dec. 7.—Although Secretary of the Treasury Shaw declines to make any statement on the subject, it is known that he is giving serious thought to the question of making temporary deposits in some of the banks in the principal cities with a view to relieving the money situation. It is understood that if the present stringency continues it threatens seriously to affect trade outside of the speculative market. Deposits aggregating \$20,000,000 will be distributed among the leading banks of the largest cities.

BRITISH TRADE STATISTICS.

November Statement of London Board of Trade Shows Big Increases.

London, Dec. 7.—The November statement of the board of trade shows increases of \$12,350,500 in imports and \$17,474,500 in exports. Exports for the eleven months of 1905 were \$1,006,830,375 or over \$2,500,000 more than for the whole of 1904. The imports for the eleven months of the present year were \$68,219,715 over the eleven months of 1904.

COMMERCIAL CABLE COMPANY.

Proceedings at Meeting of Directors in New York Yesterday.

New York, Dec. 7.—At a meeting of the board of directors of the Commercial Cable company held in New York yesterday the regular quarterly dividend one cent on preferred stock and semi-annual dividend one cent on common shares. Mackay Company declared payable January 2nd to shareholders of record December sixteenth. Transfer books will be closed from December seventeenth to January 1st, inclusive.

Dominion News Notes

Sir Wilfrid Laurier Takes a Shot at a French Montreal Paper.

Burglars Rob a Nanaimo Nursery of a Large Number of Plants.

Bishop of White Horse Says no Alarm Need Be Felt for Whalers.

TTAWA, Dec. 7.—New military buildings in Toronto for the permanent force will cost nearly half a million dollars.

The bye-election returns for Antigonish, West Lambton and North York will be gazetted tomorrow.

The local Conservatives opened up splendid clubrooms tonight.

Sir Wilfrid Laurier today got a good night at L'Evenement, under the pretext of sympathizing with "Divine Sally." He wired Madame Bernhardt today: "Quebec, Dec. 7.—I regret, Madame, more than I can say, the acts of violence of which you and your company were the victims as you left Quebec. I only learned on my arrival here yesterday what had taken place the night before, and I express to you the universal regret caused by behavior so unworthy of the character of a city so remarkably careful of its renowned hospitality and courtesy. As to what was said by L'Evenement, pay no attention to it. It is a newspaper which, for me, does not count."

One Man's Misfortunes

Winnipeg, Dec. 7.—Jos. Casemore, whose wife suicided here on the evening of the 25th ult, under dramatic circumstances, was held up and robbed here on the evening of the 5th inst. He was beaten over the head by the thugs and died of his injuries tonight. His assailants are unknown to the police.

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BERLIN'S POPULATION.

Berlin, Dec. 7.—The census returns made public today, show that Berlin has a population of 2,033,900.

LIFE IMPRISONMENT.

New York Fiend Escapes With a Light Sentence.

New York, Dec. 7.—Jacob F. Bauer, who killed Thomas Corcoran and cut his body into pieces, intending to conceal them was sentenced today to life imprisonment at the state prison.

LEADING DIVINE DEAD.

Malone, N. Y., Dec. 7.—Rev. Julian Hamers, pastor of the Centenary Methodist Episcopal Church and assistant secretary of the northern New York Methodist Episcopal conference, died at his home here today. He was 49 years of age.

ANTHONY FIALA MARRIED.

Well Known Arctic Explorer Joins the Army of Beneficiants.

Nashville, Dec. 7.—Anthony Fiala of Brooklyn, N. Y., the Arctic explorer, was married here last night to Miss Claire Puryear.

LIFE INSURANCE.

Possibility of Criminal Action Growing Out of the Investigation.

New York, Dec. 7.—A motion was directed to the possibility of criminal action growing out of the investigation of life insurance methods by a visit paid by District Attorney W. T. Jerome to the legislative committee while it was holding its hearing in the city hall today.

Mr. Jerome said that he wanted to find out when he could get possession of a copy of the report of the committee. Chairman Armstrong expects to have it ready for the legislature when it meets next January. Counsel for Thos. F. Ryan, who bought the James H. Hyde stock of the Equitable Life Assurance Society, conferred with Charles E. Hughes, counsel for the investigating committee today and said afterward that Mr. Ryan is holding himself in readiness to testify. One of the points brought out by Mr. Hughes in today's hearing was the fact that the Mutual Reserve Life Insurance company has paid \$134,000 to the widow of Edward B. Harper, the former president of that company, since Mr. Harper's death in 1895. The

Money Is Derived From Commissions

which former President Harper drew on all the business written by the company. His widow, who has since remarried, continues to receive the commissions. Incident to this inquiry Mr. Hughes discovered an instance in which \$8,000 had been paid to President Frederick A. Burnham, of the Mutual Reserve Life Insurance Co., in 1896 and concerning which Vice-President George

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I had four doctors trying to cure me but they had very little success. They would stop them for a month or six weeks and then they would be as bad as ever again.

Almost every patent medicine, advertised to cure boils, I could get hold of, tried, but still without success. At last one day, last spring, someone happened to say: "why not try taking Burdock Blood Bitters for boils?" I did just that, taking a bottle and immediately sent for a bottle, but at the time was doubtful if it would do any use. However, I took it and while I was taking it I began to feel better, although I still kept having a few boils, but not nearly so many as before. I continued to take it otherwise. I used to miss, sometimes, a week or two out of every month. I kept on taking the medicine until I had taken six bottles, and needless to say, I was not sorry I did so when I tell you I have not had a boil appear for the past three months. I have not had a boil appear since then, and the Burdock Blood Bitters has done for me what four doctors failed to do. If any sufferers are afflicted with boils, I would strongly advise them to use B.B.B. It makes you feel like a new man. I always keep a bottle in the house, now, as I think it is a medicine that should be in every household.

Yours truly,

HENRY A. SMITH.

Anti-Tuberculosis Society.—The regular quarterly meeting of the Anti-Tuberculosis Society will be held in the city hall commencing at 4 p. m. Monday next.

After Witte

The Deluge

So Long as New Premier Stands
There Is Hope for
Russia.

Majority of People Are Too Weak
to Withstand the Anar-
chists.

London, Dec. 8.—The correspondent of the Daily Telegraph at St. Petersburg, in a despatch dated December 6, blames the anarchists as being largely responsible for the existing situation, saying: "Knowing that legality will deprive them of their occupation, they are working day and night to plunge the country into a Serbian bog of chaos and crime. Unfortunately a large section of the population is proving so weak and irresolute that the country is no longer shaped by principles, but is the slave of events. The principal event is the delirium of the nation. While Count Witte's cabinet stands there will be still hope for Russia, but when it disappears the deluge will begin. Even now the dark clouds are visibly gathering. The peasants clamor for land, but they will not hear of disrespect to the Emperor. A large proportion of the workmen are also incensed against the strike organizers and the revolutionists, and in some cases against the Jews."

Civilized People Shudder

The correspondent relates two instances—one that of a beautiful Jewish girl in the village of Ivanovo, and another that of a schoolmistress named Dooghtzoff, in the Kuban district, both of whom were torn to pieces by infuriated mobs for preaching revolution. He says: "These doings make civilized people shudder, yet they are part of what is threatened on a large scale by the element of reaction which is gathering its forces and which is saying, 'If the laws are obsolete and the government is powerless, then we, the people, will rise up and bring these anarchists to reason. They have silenced our emperor and prevented him giving us the land. Death to them!'"

The correspondent in conclusion says that the first important resignation since the formation of the cabinet will be announced in a few days, when the minister of justice, M. Manukhov, will retire to private life, but that this will not affect the stability and solidity of the cabinet.

PANAMA CANAL.

Washington, Dec. 7.—An appropriation of \$11,000,000 was voted in the house of representatives today toward the construction of the Panama canal.

BANK DEPOSITS.

New York, Dec. 7.—The results of a canvass of the holdings of bonds by American banking institutions were made public today. The canvass covered nearly four thousand banks and trust companies and showed that these institutions hold 1,770 millions of bonds, not including government bonds. This equals about 17 percent of these banks deposits.

HERMIT BANKER BURNED.

Wealthy Recluse Incinerated in His Residence in New York.

Buffalo, N. Y., Dec. 7.—A special news from Warsaw, N. Y., says: "James L. Blodgett, the hermit banker of Hermitage, was burned to death this morning in his house, which was burned to the ground. He was estimated to be worth a million dollars. He was a graduate of Yale College in the class of 1850."

A NEW YORK INCIDENT.

Druggist Shoots His Wife and Then Surrenders to the Police.

New York, Dec. 7.—Fred P. Frelich, a pharmacist, in the Presbyterian hospital, shot and instantly killed his wife Minnie and her mother, Mrs. Anna Hoelting, in his home in Brooklyn today.

After the shooting he pocketed the revolver and stepping over his wife's body walked out of the house, he met in the street and was locked up after refusing to make any statement.

Frelich had met his wife while she was employed as a stenographer in the hospital and they were married about five years ago. They have one child and the butlers that entered the mother-in-law's body came near killing the baby with whom his grandmother was at the time. A doctor who examined the prisoner at the station house said he was suffering from nervous prostration.

YOUNG ENGLISHMAN SUICIDES.

Saskatoon, Sask., Dec. 7.—Ernest Deason, a young Englishman twenty years of age living with Frank Frudd 17 miles from Saskatoon, shot himself through the head some time between Friday and Tuesday last. He was seen alive by Frudd on Friday in charge of the household. On Tuesday he was found dead. Seeing blood upon the pillow and thinking something was wrong he brought his brother and neighbors. They broke in the back door with an axe and on trying to open the bedroom door found a weight against it which proved to be the body of young Deason frozen stiff.

REPATRIATION OF JEWS.

Significant Admission Made in Appeal in Favor of Russia's Oppressed.

London, Dec. 7.—In an important appeal on behalf of the oppressed Russian Jews, signed by Lord Rothschild, Sir Samuel Montagu and other leaders of the Jewish movement in Great Britain, the admission is made that for the bulk of the Russian Jews there is no hope of salvation except through a new regime of liberty and justice when they will receive equal rights with their fellow citizens of every nation. Their appeal pointed out that all proposed schemes for colonization and emigration can only benefit a small proportion of the sufferers, and the petition calls upon the Jews to abandon the great colonization scheme and to grant immediate aid to the sufferers and bereaved. The signatories to the appeal ask where there is to be found.

"We make no controversy over our action, which puts us, but its promoters, at the bar of an enlightened public opinion. In view of it, however, it seems timely for us to affirm anew the simple truth, proclaimed of old by Christ himself, that righteousness of life and spiritual efficiency rather than orthodoxy of belief is the test of Christian discipleship.

"We affirm that the doing of the will of the Master is the vital thing, and that beliefs about the nature of Christ are unimportant in comparison with practical obedience to his precepts."

The letter concludes with an appeal to all liberal Christians to put these courage and patient devotions in their own significant work," adding "By fearlessly proclaiming the ideals of a simple and rational Christian faith and of spiritual highmindedness by living lives of public spirited service and widespread charity by increasing the power and usefulness by our liberal churches and of building our institutions, we shall help to bring in Christian discipleship those who have been alienated from religious connections and best promote the cause of truth, freedom and righteousness."

EXECUTION OF MRS. ROGERS.

For Third Time Preparations Are Made to Hang Murderer.

Montpelier, Vt., Dec. 7.—A final attempt to prolong the life of Mrs. Mary Rogers, whose execution has been set for tomorrow, will be made early in the morning. Governor Bell, who has been in the west, left Montreal tonight for White River junction, where he has arranged to remain tomorrow in order to be within easy reach of the state officials and attorneys. Those who have followed the celebrated case expressed little confidence tonight that Governor Bell would alter his previous decision not to grant another reprieve.

Mrs. Jessie Carlton, of Cincinnati, who says she bears 43,000 signatures in favor of saying the life of the condemned woman arrived here tonight and left

for Montpelier junction to board the train on which Governor Bell is traveling.

Preparations for Hanging

Windsor, Vt., Dec. 7.—Preparations for the hanging of Mrs. Mary Rogers were practically complete tonight and unless Governor Bell again reprieves her murderer will pay the penalty of her crime tomorrow.

The deputy sheriffs have been busy all day and with the help of a carpenter they set up the gallows in the west wing of the prison, where it had been erected twice before for the execution.

BIG BUSINESS.

Albany, N. Y., Dec. 7.—The General Electric Railway Company filed today with the secretary of state a certificate of increase of capital stock from \$43,500,000 to \$60,000,000.

FOOTBALLER DEAD.

Bridgeport, Conn., Dec. 7.—Leo McNally, 24 years old, who was injured in a football game here on Thanksgiving Day, died today. McNally's back was broken in a mass play and he became paralyzed from the waist down.

FRIDAYS PLEASE ACCEPT THIS INTIMATION.

Fridays please accept this intimation.

WANT BETTER QUARTERS.

Cleveland, Ohio, Dec. 7.—Better sanitary quarters for sailors and other employees on steamboats, especially those plying the Great Lakes, was provided for by a resolution adopted at today's conference of the delegates to the convention of the International Lake Seamen's Union; now in session here. The resolution was embodied in a letter which was sent to the surgeon-general at Washington.

A CLAIM IN EGYPT.

Washington, Dec. 7.—The senate today passed a resolution introduced by Senator Lodge (Massachusetts) requesting from the President, if not incompatible with the public interests, the papers relating to a claim of Cope Whitehouse to certain desert lands in Egypt. It is represented that the lands claimed are now valued at \$25,000,000.

NO MORE PASSES.

Philadelphia, Pa., Dec. 7.—President Johnson of the Norfolk & Western Railroad Company, after a conference with President Cassatt of the Pennsylvania Railroad, announced that his company would discontinue the issuance of passes with the end of this year. Word was received here to-night that President Truesdale of the Delaware, Lackawanna & Western Railroad had issued similar notice.

DEFACED WORK OF ART.

Florence, Italy, Dec. 7.—Thieves today entered the Church of St. Lawrence, in the village of Casinella, Torri, and tried with the aid of chisels to remove from a wall a beautiful bas relief representing the twelve apostles, the work of Michael Angelo. The effort was not successful, but the work has been badly defaced.

KOREAN CONSPIRACY.

Meeting of Plotters to Assassinate the Ministers Surprised by Japanese.

London, Dec. 7.—The Tokio correspondent of the Daily Telegraph reports that a secret meeting at Chinampho of the leaders of a conspiracy to assassinate all the Korean ministers who signed the treaty with Japan was surprised by Japanese troops who arrested ten of the conspirators.

HERR BEBEL'S SARCASM.

Socialist Leader Turns the Laugh on Emperor William.

Berlin, Dec. 7.—"Now that Russian absolutism is approaching its end," said Herr Bebel the Socialist leader in the Reichstag today, "Germany enjoys the reputation of being the most reactionary state of the world. Since the peace of Portsmouth, Germany's situation in the Far East is precarious, because Germany through her interference with the powers at Shimonosaki is blackmailed in Japan. Nemesis has prevailed. Germany should recognize the logical results of the situation and withdraw entirely from Kiaochau. The dream of making a German Port Arthur out of Kiaochau is dispelled. The entire colonial policy of the government is pure illusion. It is high time for the Reichstag to go sober. (Great laughter) Bismarck was quite right, when at the time he heard of the acquisition of Kiaochau he exclaimed 'it is just big enough to cause many stupidities. We have spent there altogether a hundred millions yet our trade is zero.'

Herr Bebel created much merriment by referring to Emperor William's telegram to Emperor Nicholas, "The admiral of the Atlantic" greets the Admiral of the Pacific." Adding that the "Admiral of the Pacific" meanwhile had grown very pacific. He also mentioned the cartoon published in a comic paper representing the "admiral of the Pacific" in a washtub, swimming desperately for the shore with remnants of his wardrobe and added, "I hope the admiral of the Atlantic will never have the same experience."

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Along the Waterfront

Aorangi Will Sail Today for Antipodes—Shawmut to Sail Tomorrow.

Hounslow Goes to Coasting Service on the Mexican Coast—Athenian Sails Monday.

R. M. S. Aorangi will sail tonight from the ocean dock for Australia, and the Hounslow which is to load coal at Comox for Acapulco after being repaired at Esquimalt. Steamer Umatilla is due tonight from San Francisco and the steamer Queen will sail for the south on Saturday night. The Aorangi is taking a heavy cargo of Canadian goods, including heavy shipments of agricultural machinery from eastern Canada, for Australia. She will have a small complement of passengers. The steamer Hounslow, one of the British S. S. Co.'s big fleet now trading in the Pacific, is to enter a coasting service, it is stated, on arrival at Acapulco. The steamer is to run in connection with the railway which links the Pacific with the Atlantic at Tehuantepec in southern Mexico. Next Sunday the British tramp steamer Falmouth, 2,766 tons, is due on Puget Sound from Singapore via Japan. The Falmouth is the last of the large fleet of freighters fixed during the season by Dowdell & Co., and Waterhouse & Co., to freight surplus cargo to Japan. The Falmouth is a vessel of the same size as the Hounslow. Steamer Athenian which is loading at Vancouver for the Orient will sail on Monday via Comox, and the steamer Iyo Maru will sail on Tuesday for the Orient. The steamer Shawmut, now loading at Seattle, is expected to arrive here tomorrow en route to the Orient.

NEED FOREIGN SHIPS.

Roosevelt Says It Is too Early to Apply Coasting Laws to the Philippines.

In his annual message Mr. Roosevelt says: "I think it of doubtful utility to apply the coastwise laws in the trade between the United States and the Philippines under any circumstances, because I am convinced that it will do no good whatever to American bottoms, and will only interfere and be an obstacle to the trade between the Philippines and the United States; but if the coastwise law must be thus applied, certainly it ought not to have effect until free trade is enjoyed between the people of the United States and the people of the Philippine islands in their respective products."

The British ship Mozambique, which arrived at San Francisco on Tuesday 181 days from Antwerp, spoke the overdue British ship Almora on October 9 in latitude 50° south, longitude 83° west. The Almora was quoted for reinsurance at 25 per cent. The Mozambique spoke the British ship Claverdon October 8. The Almora is bound for Acapulco from Cardiff. The Claverdon is from Antwerp for Puget Sound. The Mozambique was for six weeks fighting west-southwesterly gales off Cape Horn. She lost a number of sails and sustained other minor damage. She has a cargo of general merchandise.

THE ANNUAL FICTION.

U. S. Secretary Says Pelagic Sealing Has Decreased Herds.

The annual fiction on behalf of the seal rookeries on the Pribilof Islands—the company which slaughters twenty thousand and more seals annually by herding their victims and clubbing the seals on the rookeries in wholesale manner has been issued in the report of the U. S. secretary of commerce and labor. In his report, dated from Washington on Tuesday Secretary Victor H. Metcalf says: The decrease in seal life on the Pribilof Islands is directly attributed to pelagic sealing, and a strong effort should be made to secure international regulations which will stop it. The especial fatality involved in this practice consists in the killing of mother seals at sea. Those killed in breeding sea, in addition to being pregnant, have also a nursing pup on shore, which on the death of its mother, dies from starvation. In addition to this, 50 per cent of all seals killed at sea sink and are not recoverable. For these reasons the skin of every mother seal secured by the pelagic sealers represents the destruction of at least four lives from the herd. Due largely to this wanton destruction of seal life the herd on the Pribilof Islands has been reduced from approximately 2,000,000 animals in 1885 to about 200,000 in 1905. The government's financial interest in this matter lies in the fact that each sealkin taken on those islands produces a revenue of \$10.22%. The ravages of the pelagic sealers have reduced the number of skins taken from 100,000 in 1885 to 14,368 during the present season.

MARINE NOTES.

Advices have been received from Japan that 5,240,000 yen has been raised for the proposed volunteer fleet, for

which a fund of 17,000,000 yen is being raised.

British steamer Cambrian King which

Captain John Kendall from Portland,

Ore., and Tacoma for Yokohama, and

which put in at Mororan December 3

damaged by a typhoon, has arrived safely.

The Japanese government is subsidizing a line of steamers from Buenos Ayres to Japan with the object of importing wool, flour, and wheat from the Argentine Republic, principally for the use of the army and navy and for other government purposes, says the San Francisco Commercial News.

The ship Oriental, 1,550 tons register, built in 1874 at Bath, Maine, has been sold by Abbie B. Blair to the North Alaska Salmon Co., terms private.

British steamer Cambrian King which

is to bring a cargo of sugar from Mauritius to Vancouver arrived at her loading port on November 20th.

Plans for a Big Steel Plant

(Continued from Page One.)

necessary outlay in plant and development," he replied. "But now there are modern processes which have enormously reduced the economic unit. The electrolytic process, which has recently been investigated in Germany and Sweden by Dr. Haenel, head of the Canadian mining department at Ottawa, has been proved to be applicable under such conditions as exist in the Kootenays, and Dr. Haenel thought a production of 11,000 tons a year an economic unit, so that 30,000 tons would be ample to ensure profitable operation. But I am thoroughly convinced that if works were established in the Kootenays the whole of the market which I have outlined would be secured without question."

"I am at the present time engaged in writing a paper on 'The Possibilities of Steel Manufacture in British Columbia for the Canadian Mining Institute and the consumption of the McMillan-Robinson deal at such a time is most opportune," he concluded.

The Purchasers

of the group of iron chains are Cleveland and St. Paul capitalists headed by Matthias Horsting, of the former city. The price paid is said to be in excess of \$75,000, and the new owners have announced their intention to spend \$50,000 in the immediate exploitation of their holdings.

In the spring a monorail tramway system is to be installed connecting the mine with Kootenay lake for the transportation of ore, and rolling mills are to be built.

RESIDENCE ENTERED BY BURGLAR

Detective Macdonald Soon Recovered Stolen Watch in a Local Pawnshop.

Detective Macdonald yesterday morning recovered a valuable gold watch stolen from the residence of Mrs. Stephens, of John street on Thursday. The watch, valued by the owners for sentimental reasons, was in a case with a diamond ring, another gold watch and other jewelry, but the thief, who had entered the residence by the bath room window during the temporary absence of the occupants in the afternoon and made his way through the house upstairs to the bedroom, took only the watch and an Albert chain, which is still missing. The police were notified of the theft and yesterday morning Detective Macdonald recovered the watch at a pawnshop. The residence of Mr. and Mrs. W. J. Stephen, opposite that of the younger Mrs. Stephens on John street was entered about two months ago and the thief then ripped open a purse and took money, leaving other articles of value untouched.

HERR BEBEL SPEAKS.

Socialist Leader in German Parliament Expresses His Views.

Berlin, Dec. 7.—Herr Bebel, the Socialist leader speaking in the Reichstag yesterday against the government's foreign policy, created indignant protests from the government benches by referring to the situation in Russia as proof that the time was coming when the proletariat and not the cabinets would decide the question of war or peace.

"Who the Russian people are now showing their ruler, can be done also," shouted the Socialist leader, "by other European peoples. We are of the opinion that the people will never allow themselves to be again driven into war. Today war can only be made with the support of the entire people."

Continuing Herr Bebel said: "The present time is a serious one. Do you believe that what is going on in the east is not exciting the German laboring people most profoundly? If you do not care to make the fatherland what it should be, so that the workingmen will gladly defend it, they will raise the question whether they shall defend it at all."

The Socialist deputies shouted their assent to this remark, which caused great commotion on the government benches.

Herr Bebel added: "If the German laboring classes fall you, are lost, and I tell you that day will come. You have no conception of the embitterment of the hearts of the German workmen today."

NEWS OF NELSON.

Six Cases Heard at the Assizes—New Fair Grounds Arranged For.

Nelson, Dec. 7.—The supreme court opened its sessions here with a short list of six cases, three being put over till the next session. The case of the Lanyon Zinc Company of Iola, Kansas, vs. the Payne Mining Company, which promised to become, if pushed, a cause celebre, has been settled out of court, each party agreeing to pay its own costs. In this case the Kansas company brought action against the Payne for \$1,700, being money in excess of that which should have been sent for ore despatched to the Iola smelter, and in connection with which overpayment it was openly stated in the examination for discovery that it had been fraudulently obtained. In answer the Payne company brought a cross suit for \$2,500 for breach of the self-same ore contract, the breach being the failure of the Iola smelter to show the company the best means of concentrating their ores for shipment.

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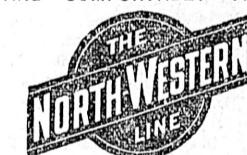
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SHOULD BE ABOVE SUSPICION.

Hon. A. B. Aylesworth, postmaster-general, is calling down criticism on his head, on account of his still appearing in court, notwithstanding his position in the government. It is understood that it was one of the stipulations made by Mr. Aylesworth, before accepting a portfolio, that he should not be debarred from carrying on his professional work in court. Sir Wm. Mulock retired from his position as postmaster-general on account of the strain of work, and accepted in preference a judgeship. It is possible that Mr. Aylesworth's capacity for work is so much greater that he can fill Sir William's shoes and at the same carry on his private practice. Nevertheless there are some persons who are sceptical on that score. It is evident, too, that his conceptions of the duty which he owes to the state are not so lofty as to cause him to sacrifice any private interests while looking after public affairs. There are objections of an ethical character to a member of the Dominion government practicing before judges who owe their position to it, or who may be looking for promotion or extra judicial employment. The Toronto World remarks that judges, like Caesar's wife, should be above and beyond suspicion, and as member of the government Mr. Aylesworth should protect them from it.

A PLEXING SITUATION.

Hon. Walter Scott, premier of Saskatchewan, is between the devil and the deep sea. Archbishop Langevin blames Mr. Haultain for establishing the present system of schools in the new provinces, by which a great many of the rights and privileges of the Catholics have been taken away. After enumerating the defects of the system for which Mr. Haultain is responsible, the venerable Archbishop remarks:

"Now is the time to show that we are a factor in political affairs. Let us unite and cast our VOTE FOR THE LEADERS WHO FAVOR SEPARATE SCHOOLS AND THEIR FOLLOWERS."

The foregoing statements are explicit enough to leave no doubt in the mind of any person as to their meaning. Hon. Walter Scott is pledged to support the school system established by Mr. Haultain, but denounced by Archbishop Langevin as having deprived Catholics of many rights. This system has been held up by the Liberals as nearly perfect as possible, and devoid of the objections to separate schools in other provinces.

Yet the Archbishop asks the Catholic electors to vote for the Liberal leader because he is in favor of "the actual system of public schools," and not the existing system, which he regards as neither fish, flesh nor good red herring. If Mr. Scott repudiates the support of His Grace at this juncture he will offend a large element of the electorate. If he accepts the support of His Grace on the grounds alleged he will have committed himself to a programme of "actual system of separate schools" as desired by the hierarchy, and must stultify his own position and that of his party on the school question.

Considering Scott's pronounced attitude in favor of the present system, which Archbishop Langevin condemns, there is an evident misunderstanding as to the terms of the bargain somewhere. Probably His Grace did not understand that when Sir Wilfrid Laurier handed over the new provinces to him that there were to be premiers in charge who had any other views than his own on the subject. There may be serious trouble about the delivery of the goods.

The thing that is most clear about the Archbishop's letter is that the hierarchy is not satisfied with the school system of the new provinces, and that it affords several grievances. This brings the situation back to the point of prediction the Colonist made at the outset. We held that the educational ordinances of the Northwest Territories, embodied in the Act of 1875, which, however, could be, and were, as a matter of fact, exercised at the will of the Northwest Assembly. Under the educational clauses of the Autonomy Act these latent powers in respect to separate schools referred to become part of the constitution, which the educational minority can claim as a right, irrespective of the views of the government or the provincial legislature.

It is manifestly clear from the tone of the pastoral emanating from St. Boniface that it is not proposed to be satisfied with the system as it is at present in the new provinces, and that one of the first moves to be made will be a demand for the "actual system of separate schools" provided for in the Northwest Act of 1875. This, whether it be in accord with public sentiment or not, the new provinces will be bound to grant to the full extent of the rights and privileges of the Catholic minority at that time. It will be demanded, not as a privilege or as a favor from the majority, but as a constitutional right affirmed by the Dominion parliament in the year of our Lord 1905.

AN OUTSTANDING EVIL.

A short time ago we called attention to the evils of adulteration, which are exceedingly prevalent. There is nothing that we eat or drink or wear or take as medicine that is not subject to adulteration of some kind. If Tennyson could truthfully refer to it in his time as the great sin of the age, in what category can we place it at the present time in order to institute a fair comparison with twenty-five or fifty years ago?

The government of Inland Revenue has announced that in the matter of spices and condiments action will be taken to lessen the evil, from which we conclude that it is the intention to enforce the law with greater vigor than formerly.

But spices and condiments are the least important of the fields in which reform should take place. In the opinion of many food authorities spices and condiments, however pure, are an evil in themselves; but if only from the standpoint of commercial morality it is well that they should, good or bad, be what they claim to be.

Since the articles in the Colonist appeared, similar expressions of opinion have been observed elsewhere, and the war against adulteration and mischievous admixture of whatever kind is becoming general. As a consequence of an aroused public sentiment action will doubtless be taken by the authorities at Ottawa, and if the present laws and machinery for their enforcement are not sufficient it is hoped that they will be provided at the next session of parliament.

The Ottawa Free Press, which is taking a prominent part in the agitation, the other day pointed out the serious results following from the use of wood alcohol as a substitute for the customary liquor. Within the past few weeks, it says, there have been reports from Manitoba, Western Ontario and elsewhere of strong men who have died from the effects of drinking, pointing to the theory that methylated spirits, and not ordinary whiskey, were responsible. An inquest in any of these cases would probably have resulted in a verdict of death from drinking "bad whiskey." All liquors in the sense of over indulgence are "bad," but the physical effects are quite different.

The Quebec Chronicle, in commenting upon the Free Press article, observes that "of all the different adulterations, however, that of liquor has been the most common and most extensively practiced; has been, in fact, made a regular trade, so that drummers visit the country hotels and city saloons with drugs for sale, intending to change liquor, commonly known as whiskey, into gin, brandy, Scotch whiskey and wine at the choice of the purchaser. It is not too much to say that a great part of the immoderate drinking, and of the crimes induced thereby, has been due to the effect of these medicated drinks, rather than to the alcohol contained in them, and that it has been their fatal influence which has, more than anything else, entangled the confirmed drunkard and dulled his moral senses."

Wood alcohol, owing to its cheapness, offers a peculiar temptation to unscrupulous dealers to make money by using it as an adulterant. It is a poison, the use of which, medical authorities inform us, leads often to total blindness and in some cases death. In outlying places there are possibilities of it becoming a serious menace to life.

"Under the license system," the Free Press says, "the community is a partner in the liquor business, and should see to the health of the people in this respect quite as much as in the matter of taxation. The time is not ripe for prohibition. The social conscience still requires much education, but there is no one who does not see the necessity of keeping the food and drink of the people pure and healthy.

"Men who knowingly sell impure food and poisonous liquor are no better than sandbaggers and assassins, and should be treated as such and should be severely punished."

With these conclusions we heartily agree. But the adulteration of liquor,

bad as it is, is not more serious, indeed not nearly so serious, as other forms of commercial adulteration. The use of alcoholic beverages can be dispensed with wholly, and, many think, with advantage, but the necessities of life cannot. Adulteration is a form of fraud, and should, whether the adulteration be harmful or not, be punishable like the crime of obtaining money under false pretences. The public have no protection in the matter of goods put up in packages or bottles. They must take the label at its word. The label is the manufacturer speaking, and if he sells chloroform for coffee or colored "apple jack" for strawberries, he should be placed in the same category with other swindlers. And there is still the more serious practice of using preservatives in food stuffs and other injurious substitutes, which is adding physical injury to fraud. Stringent measures alone will remedy the evil. Every man who adulterates should be liable to criminal prosecution and a term in penitentiary.

AN EXPLICIT DENIAL.

The ruling habit is strong in life as well as in death. The Times is returning its tactics which recently brought it into such disgrace. On Wednesday it stated that at a secret meeting of the Conservative Association it was decided to nominate a Conservative for the approaching mayoralty election, and particulars were circumstantially alleged to give a semblance of reality to the statement. After a good deal of discussion, in which the opposition was said to be in a hopeless minority, it was stated that Alderman Goodacre was the choice of the meeting. Notwithstanding a denial from Mr. McPhillips, president of the association, the Times again asserts that although nothing officially was done, the matter was informally debated and acted upon. We are in a position to state that neither officially nor informally was the question of the mayoralty or municipal elections discussed at the meeting of the Conservative executive referred to. It did not come up in any form and was not considered. The object of the Times in this is quite apparent. It is to introduce party lines into the coming campaign and throw the responsibility of such a course upon the executive of the Conservative Association.

The government of Ontario dismissed three Grit license inspectors in the city of Toronto, and now the Liberal papers are announcing the downfall of Whiteman. That gentleman, however, is taking it all very philosophically and shows no signs of even beginning to "trot." There have been greater crimes known to history than deposing a few appointees of the late Ross government.

The Montreal Witness is one of the oldest papers in Canada and has always had the reputation of being eminently respectable. It has just celebrated its diamond jubilee and has been receiving the congratulations of its readers from all parts of Canada. What the Globe under the direction of the Hon. George Brown formerly was to the Scotch residents of Upper Canada, the Witness has been and still is, to a large extent, to the Old Country element in the lower provinces, and especially to the Scottish Presbyterians.

The Presbyterians of Canada are mourning the loss of Rev. Dr. Warden, who for some time has been financial agent of the Presbyterian Church. He had ability as a financier much above the average, and was a man of great force of character as well. Expressions of regret from all parts of the Dominion are being published by the Eastern papers, where perhaps he was much better known than in the West. His last work, which he brought to a successful completion, was the inauguration of the century million dollar fund of his church.

The Presbyterians of Canada are guilty, while in Montreal, of calling upon Sir Thos. Shaughnessy, the president of the C. P. R. He is also about to commit the unpardonable sin of going to New York and Boston. We shall have John Oliver demanding a royal commission when the house sits in order to find out what was the details of the conversation between the premier and the president, and why he went beyond the confines of Canada. A premier who cannot go away from home without arousing horrible suspicion at every turn he makes should be summarily evicted from office and the confidence of the people. He should remember that the Liberals have a private detective service and it is evidently on his track.

And now Premier McBride has been caught, while in Montreal, of calling upon Sir Thos. Shaughnessy, the president of the C. P. R. He is also about to commit the unpardonable sin of going to New York and Boston. We shall have John Oliver demanding a royal commission when the house sits in order to find out what was the details of the conversation between the premier and the president, and why he went beyond the confines of Canada. A premier who cannot go away from home without arousing horrible suspicion at every turn he makes should be summarily evicted from office and the confidence of the people. He should remember that the Liberals have a private detective service and it is evidently on his track.

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR.

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LIFE INSURANCE.

Sir—The question of cost between company and co-operative life insurance has been brought before the reading public through advertisements in the columns of the large number of fraternalists in Victoria, who are not satisfied with the deductions of your correspondent of the 7th instant. He quotes the Independent Order of Foresters and their rates, and writes that there is danger of increasing the cost as the years roll on. The Ancient Order of United Workmen is the oldest fraternal life insurance society in North America, and we have three hundred branches in this city. The age quoted by your correspondent is 30 years, and the cost per year in the Workmen is \$20.88 without increase. After age 55 the cost is reduced to \$16.93. At the end of 20 years we give a paid up certificate for \$300, or extended insurance for 15 years and 11 months. The average rate of the rates of the Ancient Order of United Workmen is affected by the certificate of M. M. Dawson, Consulting actuary, No. 11 Broadway, New York city, who is con-

sidered the best in the United States, and he reports "the rates equivalent, and that are safe and adequate." The assessments are limited to twelve in any year, to meet the mortality costs, the certificate becomes participating to the amount less than twelve. During 1905 the member aged 30 paid but \$17.40; the assessments numbered ten. Under the classified plan we insure a man aged 30 for \$10,800 per annum. The insured under this plan is \$10,800 during 1905, and thereafter have a premium on the level rates are not subject to change. The four hundred thousand members paid out \$10,000,000 under the co-operative plan, and are prepared to meet any emergency. The highest salary paid any employee is \$4,000 to the supreme master workman, for which he gives his whole time and attention to this Island. Our correspondence would have stated that the expectancy table gives 35.8 years to a man aged 30, giving a time to juggle with his money—a la Hyde Alexander, McCull & Co.

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Sir—It was with much satisfaction that I read in your good paper that the Bugaboo iron mines on the Gordon river had been sold. Not since the finding of coal on the Island has so valuable a move been made towards the solid building up of the Island. What the opening up of these enormous bodies of iron ore means to this Island will be a revelation to many. No company need be afraid to build big up-to-date works. Nature has been lavish; everything required by them lies within easy radius for the production of the best iron and steel. Nor need they fear that those immense deposits will give out in generations, for besides the Bugaboo mines there is the Newton properties, Barbs and others, and within four miles of salt water are the mines which were granted by the Young brothers; they have spent over six thousand dollars in opening up their properties; they have thousands of tons of iron ore in sight, and their assays give the highest tests. The mines are not the only valuable assets on the Gordon, including spruce, cedar, fir, etc., and the timber in question is not to be found on the Island. We will see in a short time great strides towards prosperity if these works are built on this Island.

A WELL-WISHER FOR THE ISLAND.

St. John Sun. — The London Morning Post, whose article on the timber working power in Canada is reprinted in the Halifax Herald, informs the British reader that most Canadians desire the creation of a foreign office at Ottawa. In support of this contention he tells the old story of the Ashburton and Alaska treaties making Ashburton in each narrative. The Halifax Herald contradicts this writer's interpretation of Canadian public opinion and corrects the statement that the Ashburton treaty "forever shut off the Dominion from a suitable port on the Atlantic." It seems to the Herald that a writer who undertakes to enlighten the British people on such matters should not "ignore the existence of two such ports as Halifax and St. John."

It might be further remarked that a writer who endeavours to throw light on these treaties and who discusses questions of geography and history should know that the "Ashburton compromise"—as he calls it—was not concerned with any question of sea ports. The area in dispute was not on the seaboard, and if Britain had obtained it she claimed, Canada would have had neither more nor less ports on the Atlantic.

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Local News

Pioneers' Dinner.—This evening at the Victoria Hotel the annual dinner will be held under the auspices of the British Columbia Pioneer Society. As a large number of tickets have been sold, it is expected the event will be a very notable one.

Stock Expert.—F. M. Logan, stock expert in the Dominion Agriculture department is expected to return today from Alberni where he has been attending an institute meeting. In company with J. R. Anderson, deputy minister of agriculture he will go to Duncan tomorrow to attend the annual meeting and banquet of the Flockmasters' association.

Visiting Mayor.—A telegram received at the office of the provincial secretary from Kamloops said that Mayor Charles S. Stevens of the inland capital was coming to Victoria to interview the cabinet. The wire made no mention of the business the visiting mayor intends to bring before the ministers.

Arranging Fountain.—Workmen are busy setting up the iron-work of the three-pyramid fountain which will shortly grace the "duck pond" which for years has been an eyesore to passers-by of the Parliament buildings. The fountain will be painted in white and when finished make a most pleasing appearance in the centre of the large expanse of green lawn.

Wedding Bells.—The wedding occurred on December 6, at Christ Church cathedral, by Rev. Canon Beauchamp, assisted by His Lordship Bishop Perrin, of Daniel Keith, son of Rev. E. Wilson, of Salt Spring Island, to Kate Elton, youngest daughter of Mrs. Elton Hammond Fry.

K. of P. Meeting.—After the disposal of the regular business at their meeting this evening the members of Far West Lodge, K. of P., will enjoy themselves in a friendly game of whist. Refreshments will also be provided.

Johnston-Bayley.—Yesterday at the residence of the bride's parents, 120 Alfred street, Miss May Bayley and Mr. James Mount Johnston were united in matrimony. Both bride and groom are among the most popular of the young folk of Victoria and were the recipients of the congratulations of their many friends. Mr. and Mrs. Johnston will reside in their newly erected house on Clarence street.

Indian Carvings.—A. R. Thomas, a member of the Historical Society of Vancouver, is at Nanaimo inspecting the rare Indian carvings there. Mr. Thomas expresses himself as highly pleased with the rareness and quality of these relics of Indian handicraft and was much surprised at the carelessness manner in which the priceless relics had been taken care of. Or late the rocks are becoming spoiled by boys cutting and scratching their initials on them and otherwise defacing the carvings. Mr. Thomas says that unless one is well informed on such it cannot be estimated how valuable such Indian architecture is. Some six years ago the Smithsonian Institute of Seattle sent a representative to Nanaimo to try to make plaster of paris casts of the carvings which will convey an idea as to the value and rarity of the carvings. They consist of all kinds of Indian figures and designs beautifully carved in a surface of sandstone, and are located at the upper end of Nichol street, Newcastle Island and Departure Bay. Mr. Thomas, who is a connoisseur in such matters, says the reliefs are not only exceedingly rare but very beautiful, and shares the opinion of many here that the government should step in and prevent the wanton destruction of the galleries.

Friendly Help.—At a well attended meeting of the Friendly Help Association held yesterday, with Mrs. W. Grant presiding, arrangements were made for the Christmas work of the society. Mrs. McMicking was placed in charge of this distribution and all district visitors are expected to assist. For many years the society has been the means of adding to the happiness and good cheer of a large number who otherwise would have been without the various little comforts and goodies so much appreciated at this festive season. All kind friends who have contributed so generously in the past are asked to remember their usual donations. The rooms will be open for the reception of these on Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday of the week preceding Christmas, December 19-21. The treasurer reported that 25 persons had been aided during November; 13 had groceries, 11 fuel, 12 clothing and 5 milk (dairy). The following cash donations were gratefully received: W. F. P., subscription for November and December; Miss Mary Watson, Mrs. Cooper, Mrs. C. F. Todd and the city. Clothing was received from Mrs. Mess. Mrs. C. Innes, Mrs. Heisterman, Mrs. Wood, Mrs. C. E. Bunting, Mrs. J. E. Wilson, Mrs. Jacobson, E. C. B., Mrs. C. F. Todd, Mrs. Little, Mrs. W. Angus, Mrs. Matthews, Mrs. W. Jackson and Mrs. Vincent.

OBITUARY.

Miss Mary Franee Scarey, aged 15 years recently of Chilliwack, B. C., and youngest daughter of the late Alexander Carney, died at St. Joseph's hospital yesterday morning. The funeral has been arranged to take place on Saturday next at 8:30 o'clock a. m. from Hayward's undertaking parlors, 52 Government street.

Mr. James Morrison, aged 65 years, caretaker at the Hamilton Powder Company's magazine, Carson's Bridge, was found dead near his residence there early this morning. When found, his faithful dog was jealously guarding his remains, and it was some time before the persons discovering the body could induce the animal to suffer them to approach. It appears that the deceased had been in town visiting his wife on Wednesday, and it was when returning to his duties at Carson's Bridge that the misadventure occurred. A full inquiry will be made at the inquest today. Mr. Morrison had been a member of Court Vancouver A. O. P., for many years and the funeral will be conducted by the lodge, which has been arranged to leave Hayward's undertaking parlors on Saturday, December 9, at 2:30 p. m. for Ross Bay cemetery.

The Afternoon Tea at "The Palms," 44 Fort St., is one of the things to be enjoyed in eligible ones to realize the full value of such a resort.

All up-to-date conveniences for the traveling public are found on the "North Coast Limited" train of the Northern Pacific.

Nothing can beat the best, and the new Boalt Sewing Machine is far the best out. See them in three different styles at Shore's Hardware, corner Government and Johnson streets.

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Bannerman To the Lords

Report That New Premier Will Be Elevated to Upper Chamber.

Herbert Asquith Will Likely Be Party Leader in the House.

London, Dec. 7.—It is understood in the best informed quarters that Sir Henry Campbell-Bannerman will be elevated to the peerage so that he may become the leader of his party in the House of Lords. In such an event, Herbert Henry Asquith will become first lord of the treasury and leader of the party in the House of Commons. The only matter as yet undecided is whether these changes shall be made before or after the general election. There is a strong feeling in the Liberal party against Sir Henry Campbell-Bannerman entering the House of Lords until after the election. If Sir Henry should go to the upper house, it is probably that he would take the title.

Portfolio of Foreign Affairs
which it is pointed out, he could do if relieved of the heavy responsibility of leading the House of Commons. It is also stated that there is every probability that Winston Churchill will be given a post in the new government.

According to the Times this morning, Sir Henry Campbell-Bannerman has decided to remain in the lower house as long as his health and strength will permit; and that in consequence of this decision Sir Edward Grey, who is a strong partisan of Lord Rosebery, has refused to become a member of the cabinet, which otherwise he would have been willing to do had Sir Henry gone to the House of Lords, leaving Mr. Asquith to lead the Commons.

GAZETTE NOTICES.

A Number of Appointments—More Companies Incorporated.

The following notices appear in yesterday's Provincial Gazette:

James Ellingworth, of Whatelyton, Cortez Island, to be a justice of the peace.

John Flewin, of Port Simpson, S. M., to be registrar of the Port Simpson registry for the county court of Atlin.

Constable Field Yolland, of 150-Mile House, to be chief license inspector for the Soda creek license district, in the place of Constable R. Pyper.

Frederick James Calvert, to be a notary public.

Daniel Edwin Murphy, alderman, and James Ryan, to be members of the board of licensing commissioners for the city of Cranbrook.

Benjamin J. Short, Alderman, and James Greer, to be members of the board of commissioners of police for the city of Cranbrook.

The Manufacturers' Life Insurance Company of Toronto is authorized to carry on business in the Province.

Certificates of incorporation under the companies act, 1897, are granted to the Daily News Publishing Co., Ltd., Pacific Coast Realty Co., Ltd., and the Revelstoke Steam Laundry.

Notices of assignment are filed by Albert Ulford, Jeweller, Vancouver, and George C. Anderson, tobacconist, Victoria.

Leslie Hill, of Nelson, is appointed attorney for the Canadian Timber & Saw Mills Co., Ltd., in place of William N. Rolfe, of Trout Lake City.

Tenders are called for the wrought and cast iron work and for the erection and completion of a wooden bridge over the Kettle river at Carson.

Notices are given for an act to incorporate the Kamloops & Yellow Head Pass Railway Company and for an act amending the act of incorporation of the city of Vancouver.

Notice is given of the voluntary winding up the Alexander Bell Co., Ltd., of New Westminster.

VETOES INTERNATIONAL.

Strange Action of Spokane Mayor With Respect to C. P. R.

Spokane, Dec. 7.—Mayor Floyd L. Jazett yesterday filed a veto message which, if sustained by the council, would bar the Canadian Pacific railroad from Spokane. He vetoed the franchise granted by the city council on November 28 to the Spokane International railway—the Corbin road—to construct, maintain and operate its railway along and across certain streets and alleys in the city.

The filing of the message was hastened by several hours by a rumor, which reached the mayor, that D. C. Corbin and a delegation of influential business men were on their way to the city hall to protest against the veto.

News of the veto spread with great rapidity throughout the city and excited a great deal of condemnation. The opinion was freely expressed that the mayor's action was not adopted as the settled policy of this city, would forever prevent the coming here of another railroad. It was a matter of comment last evening that whatever might have been the mayor's purpose the effect of his veto, if sustained by the council, would be highly satisfactory to the Hill

and Harriman lines, since it would block the entrance of the Canadian Pacific. As one citizen expressed it, "the Hill and Harriman lines could not have been better served if their attorneys had been permitted to write the veto message."

APPEAL FOR HELP.

Donation Solicited to Alleviate Suffering Jews in Russia.

The following appeal has been issued by the Hebrews of Victoria in favor of their persecuted co-religionists in Russia. The funds thus collected will be distributed to Jews and Gentiles alike where the necessities of the cases are similar. The British consuls at the various points will act as distributors of the fund.

Donations may be left at the Colonist office and will be duly acknowledged.

The civilized world has been shocked by the awful news which has leaked out by drifts, as it were, from Russia, wherein we are told of horrors which hardly have a parallel in history. Many thousands of unhappy Jews have been slaughtered in a fiendish manner—childish innocence or hoary old age not excepted—their homes pillaged and burnt, until there are left an enormous number of wretched beings scattered throughout Southern Russia, exposed to the inclemency of severe weather, many of them bereft of dear ones who have fallen victims to fiendish lust and brutal carnage. As Hon. Oscar Straus said, "No matter how much money is forthcoming, at best we can only give fractional relief."

I appeal for help through the medium of your paper, as you have kindly offered to place your columns at our disposal for that purpose and to receive subscriptions for these stricken people. All sums collected will be sent to the general committee in London, whence it is sent to the British consuls at parts accessible to the scenes of recent outrages. The British government have instructed their diplomatic agents to carry out the instructions of the committee, so that a proper distribution can be relied on. Gentiles as well as Jews—that is, those who took no part in outrages or who assisted in the work of self-defence—will participate in relief where necessary. Contributions may also be sent to Dr. S. M. Hartman or H. L. SALMON.

First list of donors to fund for sufferers from Russian outrages: His Honor the Lieutenant-Governor, \$20; Hon. Senator Templeman, \$10; Anonymous, \$25; A Few Friends, \$10; C. Brasch, \$10; F. Landisberg, \$5; J. M. Burnes, \$5; S. Leoline, \$5; Hyman Levine, \$5; Vivian Brandon, \$5; S. Brandon, \$5; S. M. Hartman, \$5; I. Waxstock, \$2.50; E. J. Salmon, \$5; H. Greensfield, \$2; Mrs. J. Braverman, \$5; H. E. Levy, \$5; M. S. Platnauer, \$5; B. Aaronson, \$5; A. Aaronson, \$5; H. Kosche, \$2.50; J. H. Franck, \$2.50; J. C. Mackay, \$2; Simon Leiser, \$5; Alex. Cook, \$5; Mrs. Hamburger, \$2; I. Lancaster, \$5; S. Althouse, \$5; Dr. E. S. Rose, \$5; H. L. Salmon, \$5; A. Drosdowitz, \$5; J. R. \$5; F. Norris, \$2; Bracken-Ker Co., \$5; G. P. & Co., \$1; K. K. Peiser, \$2.50; Octavius Field, \$5.

STOLE \$30,000 WORTH.

Safe Blowers at Spokane Secured a Large Amount of Securities.

Spokane, Dec. 7.—It is asserted that \$30,000 worth of non-negotiable securities were stolen from the store of the Coey Mercantile Company at Rockford by three safe-blowers who made a raid early Tuesday morning, as already reported in the despatches. They also got about \$2,100 cash. So far as known, no clue to the robbers has been found.

SEVERE KIDNEY TROUBLE

Mrs. Geo. Lawson, Concession, Ont., writes: "Dr. Chase's Kidney-Liver Pills completely cured me of constipation, rheumatism, stomach trouble and a very severe kidney trouble after years of suffering. I am now 68 years of age and very grateful for what Dr. Chase's Kidney-Liver Pills have done for me."

PAT CROWE ACQUITTED.

Kidnapper of Millionaire Cudahy's Son Goes Free.

Omaha, Neb., Dec. 7.—Pat Crowe, who has been on trial on a charge of shooting with intent to kill Officer Albert Jackson on September 6, was tonight acquitted. Crowe was remanded to jail to await trial on the charge of highway robbery in connection with the alleged kidnapping five years ago of Eddie Cudahy, son of E. A. Cudahy, the millionaire packer. There was no law covering kidnapping at the time the alleged crime was committed, and for that reason a highway robbery charge has been placed against Crowe.

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For twenty-five cents you can't get anything so useful in the home as a bottle of Folson's Nervilene. Why, it cures the ills of the entire family! Headache and neuralgia it relieves instantly. For indigestion, stomach trouble or cramps it's "just what the doctor ordered." Mothers find Nervilene invaluable for breaking up colds and curing croup, hoarseness and sore throat. Don't be without Nervilene—it is economical and reliable. In use for nearly fifty years.

Let the good work go on as it did yesterday and a few days more will see the big Westside dry goods store cleaned out, lock, stock and barrel and ready for occupancy by the new tenants. Get in now and get something, ladies, while your chances are good.

D. K. Chunganes of the new Victoria Fish and Game Market, 46 Broughton street, opposite Weiler Bros.' store, advertises in another column of this paper that he has now in stock a splendid lot fine, fat, island turkeys and geese for the Christmas dinner table. His supply of chickens and ducks and other game is also complete.

Campbell's Ladies' Outfitting Emporium, Fort street, is now looking its best and is radiant with as fine a display of handsome and suitable goods for Christmas gifts as ever it has been the pleasure of Victorians to see. These goods are all marked down at very bottom prices for the holidays. All purchases going abroad will be despatched with the greatest care and accuracy. Inspection solicited.

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Ragged Children's Fund.—The opened additional subscriptions to the ragged children's dinner fund are acknowledged by the secretary of the Y. M. C. A.: Mrs. G. Mowat, \$1; Mrs. Dickenson, \$2.50; Mrs. Rithea, \$5; H. Gladding, \$5; Dorothy J. Harris, \$1; Clarence H. Harris, 50c; A. M. W. 10c; previously acknowledged, \$36.80; total, \$47.30.

Herring Industry.—A Nanaimo correspondent says: "That the Nanaimo herring industry is creating more than local interest is evidenced by the fact that quite a party of fishermen are here today looking into the possibilities of the business with a view to becoming interested in it in Nanaimo next season. The party includes among others G. Cassidy, James Ruthford and Bell-Irving of Vancouver. They will return to Vancouver tomorrow."

A DOUBTING THOMAS

Had His Falling Hair Stopped, and Dandruff Cured, Without Pain.

H. B. Fletcher, Butte, Mont., Oct. 20, 1890, says: "Like many other people, I have been troubled for years with dandruff, and within the last few months my hair came out so badly that I was compelled to have what I had left clipped very close. A friend recommended Newbro's Herpilde. I confess that I doubted his story; but I gave Herpilde a chance, and I am glad to say it is ever and entirely free from dandruff." Destroy the cause, remove the effect." Herpilde is a delightful hair dressing for regular use. Sold by leading druggists. Send 10c. in stamps for sample to The Herpilde Co., Detroit, Mich.

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The Mayor On the Stand

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They reported to the council recommending that Adams be engaged, which report was adopted by the council.

Mr. Bodwell—It has been stated that you had some conversation with him with reference to having him give an opinion against the city and in favor of the tramway company.

Witness—It is not true.

Mr. Bodwell—Were there any meetings between the expert and the council?

Witness—There were none.

Mr. Bodwell—How long was he here?

Witness—About three weeks, and then went to San Francisco, where he received some data and compiled his report there.

Mr. Bodwell—Who received his report?

Witness—I did and handed it over to the water commissioner. We then had several copies made by an official in the city hall and copies were given to the press. Those given to the press did not contain the valuation of the waterworks property, as they did not consider they had any right to make that public.

Mr. Bodwell—Was anything said in the council about the agreement with the tramway company?

Witness—Yes, I think it was brought up twice, both times by Ald. Hanna.

Mr. Bodwell—Was that done in open council?

Witness—Yes.

Mr. Bodwell—How was it received?

Witness—I moved that the council cancel the contract with the tram company, and the vote on the question was 5 to 5.

Mr. Bodwell—What preceded the offer to the water company on August 1?

Witness—It had always been our intention to try to purchase the property; that was one of the reasons why the valuation had been kept out. We could not make an offer to them as we did not have the power but would have to have an offer from the company before we could do anything. In consequence of this we had a conference with the directors of the company and Mr. Sayward had stated that if the city were really anxious to purchase the property their price was \$1,271,000, and then Mr. Lubbe made another offer in regard to purchasing the water. We suggested that any agreement to purchase water should be made with Victoria West district supply.

At this meeting we were given the option to purchase the property in twenty years for the sum mentioned by Mr. Sayward, but the principal was to bear interest after five years. After this meeting the council came to the conclusion that the company did not want them to purchase the property but only the water.

Mr. Peters—How is it that the writing is yours?

Witness—It is not all mine, but what I did was done at a meeting of the council when all the aldermen were present.

Mr. Peters—Why did you not make the agreement public?

Witness—It was not intended for the public till it was completed and ready to go before them for their ratification.

Mr. Peters—Did you give the contract to Mr. Adams?

Witness—Or, but I would not have hesitated to do so if he had wanted it.

Mr. Peters—Why was that?

Witness—The only person that I did not want to have it was Mr. Lubbe and his company.

Mr. Peters—Were you solicitor for the company at this time?

Witness—My firm was.

Mr. Bodwell—How did the aldermen discuss these propositions?

Witness—I took a great deal of interest in the subject and discussed it very earnestly.

Mr. Bodwell—Was there any communication received from the water works company or sent to them between the time that the notices were posted and the notice of motion on the part of the company to oppose the record?

Witness—No.

This finished the examination and Mr. Peters undertook the cross-examination.

Mr. Peters—Do you remember the contract between the city and the B. C. Electric Company?

Witness—Yes.

Mr. Peters—Were you solicitor for the company at this time?

Witness—My firm was.

Mr. Bodwell—Why was the contract agreed to?

Witness—Because it was optional on the part of the city and if the ratepayers did not agree to it it would not be put in force. The council then had time to consider the matter, and the tramway company was in the meantime bound.

One section which the members of the city council objected to strongly was that which gave the tramway company exclusive right to the water for power purposes for 25 years. The tramway company said this was the best agreement it would make, and refused to alter it in this respect. It was reduced to 25 years, but beyond that would go no farther.

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LOCAL MARKETS

As announced in yesterday's Colonist, relatives are still in the air over the egg situation. As pointed out by a dealer, since the inauguration of a fast freight service from Whinipeg, western Manitoba fresh eggs are received on this market in from seven to ten days. The local poultry raiser comes to town on an average about once a week; consequently Manitoba eggs are, practically speaking, just as fresh as the home article. Manitoba strictly fresh eggs are worth 30¢ a dozen, while Island ranch eggs are quoted at 50¢. Now the housewife finds that Manitoba eggs at 30¢ are equal to the home article at 50¢, she is not going to throw away 20-cent pieces, and the merchant and farmer have not realized the full cost of the situation. Meanwhile it's up to the local poultry raisers and farmers to take to heart this warning that eggs are plentiful and the prices they demand are above the market. In fact, high prices on fresh ranch eggs for the present is over. Yesterday it was learnt several farms still demanded 50¢—at least as high as that figure in trade—and were asked in refusal if they took their eggs back home with them.

This question of trading produce for store supplies is also another matter that is a long way from being the correct method of doing business. Eggs are worth so much in cash and so much in trade. As one dealer put it yesterday: "Our store would prefer to pay cash for eggs, at market prices. If the farmer wants to buy us his eggs, let him do so. The trade item may be all right in country towns, but it is out of date in the cities, though many merchants persist in keeping it going here. With better facilities for bringing eggs from the East, there is, in my opinion, absolutely no reason for the present outrageous price for local ranch eggs."

Prices for fresh market eggs is an uncertainty; the few offered in the stores are quoted at 50¢ a dozen.

Today is fish day, and the stalls will be found well stocked with all seasonal varieties of fresh, salt, and shell fish, at the prices quoted below:

RETAIL MARKETS.

Oats, per ton	\$23.00
Wheat, per ton	\$35.00
Bacon, per ton	\$27.00
Hams, per ton	\$27.00
Hay (Fanner), per ton	\$14.00
Straw, per hale	\$1.00
Potatoes (Island), new	\$20.00
Corn, whole, per ton	\$31.00
Corn, cracked, per ton	\$32.00
Feed, cornmeal	\$32.00
Oatmeal, per 10-lb. s.	45
Rolled oats, per 7-lb. sack	35
Hungarian, per bbl.	\$6.00
Hungarian, per sack	\$1.00

PAstry Flour

Snow Flake, per sack	\$1.40
Snow Flake, per bbl.	\$2.25
Three Star, per sack	\$1.50
Three Star, per bbl.	\$3.80
Drifted Snow, per sack	\$1.40
Fluffed Snow, per bbl	\$2.25
Fruit—	
Middlings, per bag of 50 lbs.	\$1.10
Bran, per bag of 70 lbs.	90

FRUIT

Cabbage, per lb.	12¢
Turnips, per sack	12¢
Carrots, per sack	12¢
Parsnips, per sack	12¢
Beets, per sack	12¢
Potatoes (Island)	10.00
Potatoes (Ottoman)	18.00
Silver beets, per lb.	2
Sweet potato, per lb.	3¢
Tomatoes, (Island),	25
Tomatoes (California),	15

VEGETABLES

MEAT AND POULTRY.	
Eggs, Eastern, per doz.	26 to 27
Bacon, per lb.	17¢ to 24
Hams, per lb.	17¢ to 27
Beef, per lb.	27.00
Lamb, per lb.	27.00
Hay (Fanner), per ton	\$14.00
Straw, per hale	65
Potatoes (Island), new	\$20.00
Corn, whole, per ton	\$31.00
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Oatmeal, per 10-lb. s.	45
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DAIRY PRODUCE.

EGGS.	
Cabbages, per lb.	12¢
Onions, per lb.	15
Onions, 3 lbs. for	25
Potatoes, per 100 lbs.	\$1.00 to \$1.25
Sweet potatoes	\$2.25
Carrots, per head	10 to 12¢
Carrots, per lb.	12¢ to 2

DAIRY PRODUCE.

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Eggs (Pratt's) per can, 1 lb.	\$1.50 to \$1.60
POULTRY, FISH AND GAME.	
Herring, dressed, per lb.	12.50
Fresh, per lb.	20 to 25
Ducks, dressed, per lb.	20 to 25
Spring chickens, dressed, per lb.	20 to 22.50
Pigeons, dressed, per pair	50
Rabbits, dressed, each	60 to 75
Hare, dressed, each	75

TEMPERATURE.

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Victoria	Min. Max.
Victoria	45° 57°
Vancouver	45° 57°
New Westminster	40° 54°
Kamloops	34° 34°
Barkerville	22° 28°
Port Shuswap	30° 32°
Calgary, Alta.	10° 36°
Whistler, Man.	22° 29°
Portland, Ore.	42° 51°
San Francisco, Cal.	48° 58°

SYNOPISES.

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Cabbages, per lb.	3
Onions, per lb.	15
Onions, 3 lbs. for	25
Potatoes, per 100 lbs.	\$1.00 to \$1.25
Sweet potatoes	\$2.25
Carrots, per head	10 to 12¢
Carrots, per lb.	12¢ to 2

NEW WESTMINSTER.

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Barometer at 5 p.m.—Corrected.	30.21

LA GRIPPE THRIC CURED.

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"I have had the grip three different times," says Mrs. Thos. Cleland, of Alberni, "and was left with a bad cough. Every time I was cured by the use of Chamberlain's Cough Remedy and I can not speak too highly of this valuable medicine." For sale by all druggists.	

WHOLESALE MARKETS.	
Business was quiet yesterday among the commission men on Yates and Wharf street. Little fruit and produce was moving except for local consumption.	
Today a car of imported nuts, routed via New York, is expected to make its appearance. The nuts include Ginchas, walnuts, Tangerine almonds, Sicily filberts, Brazil and pecans.	
Fresh receipts of fruits and vegetables are due on Saturday when the City of Victoria will be in.	
The best varieties of eating apples, those with good color and fancy packed, have	

MEN—

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Beef, per lb.	8 to 18
Mutton, per lb.	8 to 15
Hams, American, per lb.	22
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Pork, per lb.	10 to 15
Veal, per lb.	10 to 18
Lamb, per quarter	\$1.25 to \$1.75

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Melsons	220
Nova Scotia	275
Union	110
Miscellaneous	110
Twin City	1134
Montreal Heat & Power	883
Edmonton	127
Montreal Street Ry.	233
Toronto Street Ry.	105
Dominion Coal, com.	701
Dan, Iron & Steel, com.	204
Nova Scotia Steel, com.	67
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YORK COUNTY LOAN COMPANY'S TROUBLES

The Local Shareholders May Be Involved in Ensuing Complications.

Late Toronto papers received in Victoria are mainly responsible for a feeling of unrest among local contract holders in the York County Loan & Savings Company coupled with the appearance here of R. W. Perry, inspector of the company, and with the activity of the local agents in endeavoring to secure proxies to be used at the special meeting of the corporation to be held on January 11th. This special meeting has been called, as previously outlined in The Colonist to pass upon and confirm a certain provisional agreement that has been entered into between the directors of the York County Loan and the Canada Permanent Loan Company, whereby the latter company acquires the assets and holdings of the York County Loan.

There are scores of shareholders of the York County Loan & Savings Company in Victoria and hundreds scattered throughout the province, who apparently have not been notified of the proposed amalgamation, at least, until within the past two days when the local holders of contracts have been requested to sign proxies empowering Mr. Joseph Phillips, the president of the company, to carry out the terms of the provisional agreement.

Mr. Perry Interviewed

Immediately previous to his departure last night for Vancouver a Colonist reporter waited upon Mr. Perry, the inspector, and asked if there was anything new on the subject, but was met with a negative reply. "What you had in the Colonist was correct," he said, and then he was gone.

In Toronto the offices of the company have for days been the scene of the gathering of large numbers of anxious shareholders all eager to know where they stand on their contracts. The explanations are uniform and as the Globe's scribe sarcastically remarks for the benefit of interested Torontians "unless the fine air of the Park vicinity be necessary as a tonic, our fare may be saved in going to the office."

Nothing can be done by shareholders until January 11th. They can then vote for the proposed merger with the Dominion Permanent Loan Co., either personally or by proxy. No payments can be made on unmatured certificates. Maturity certificates are paid in full. Children's savings bank accounts are also paid, less five per cent, deducted for expenses, and without interest.

Continuing the Globe says: "A number of persons were taking and giving fifteen days' notice of

Desire to Take Loans

equal to half their payments. It should be understood that these loans are not set off by shareholders' accounts, but are repayable within three months with 8 per cent interest, and as they are secured by notes are, of course, collectible by law. Frenzied finance was certainly suggested by the mood of many ladies who were willing to part with almost any cash consideration. Fifty cents on the dollar could have purchased certificates maturing next week. Mr. Burt in dethers pointed out that such panic was unreasonable, but not always successfully.

Roncesvalles avenue, where the Toronto offices of the company are located has for days been quite a fashionable paradise ground, made up almost entirely by ladies—A certain testimony to the popularity of the York County Loan & Savings company's methods. A young lady with \$200 contract maturing in March said:

"It is so easy to save when you have to do it. I denied myself lots of things and put the money there because I knew I could not get it. And now I can't," she added with charming feminine inconsistency.

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The third period is "change of life" and this is the period when she is most liable to heart and nerve troubles.

A tremendous change is taking place in the system, and it is at this time many chronic diseases manifest themselves. Fortify the heart and nerve system by the use of Milburn's Heart and Nerve Pills and thus tide over this dangerous period. Mrs. James King, Cornwall, Ont., writes: "I have been troubled very much with heart trouble—the cause being to a great extent due to 'change of life.' I have been taking Milburn's Heart and Nerve Pills for some time, and mean to continue doing so, for I can truthfully say they are the best remedy I have ever used for building up the system. You are at liberty to use this statement for the benefit of other sufferers."

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A MINING MAN FROM THE INTERIOR

Mr. Smith Curtis Tells of Conditions in Interior of the Province.

Smith Curtis, formerly a member of the provincial house for Rossland, and well-known throughout the province as a successful promoter of mining and land undertakings, is a guest at the King Edward hotel. Mr. Curtis is in the city on legal business and may return to the mainland tonight. Speaking to a Colonist representative shortly after his arrival, he told of his latest venture in the landing of "Columbia Gardens," an irrigation project on the Columbia river.

"A few miles below Trail, on the line of the Nelson & Fort Sheppard railway, a branch of the Great Northern railway system, are some 500 acres of fine land that has been subdivided into blocks varying from 10 to 40 acres. In Beaver creek we have an ample supply of water and intend to irrigate from \$800 to 900 acres. A dam has been built in the creek and the main flume and ditches have been laid for nearly two miles. The land is being plowed in Manitoba and the new prairie provinces, though we have had inquiries from Ontario and as far south as Nebraska. The soil is

Adapted for Fruit Growing

Apples grown on the Columbia river are unequalled for flavor and size. For from three to four months in the winter that section of the Kootenays has a very mild snow fall and the temperature in most years does not fall below zero, so that pomegranates, peaches, pears, cherries and other fruits and all garden produce can be raised."

Speaking of the fruit industry of the Kootenays, Mr. Curtis stated that it was well past the experimental stage and that it has already been demonstrated that large profits can be made not only in fruits but in all kinds of vegetables ranging from potatoes to watermelons. As an instance of the profits made in fruit growing he cited the Covert ranch, near Grand Forks, where eight acres of pomegranates have been producing yearly a crop of 100,000 pounds and more.

POMEGRANATES Are Marketed in Alberta

and average gross revenue of nearly \$500 an acre, leaving a net profit of the grower, after all charges and freight have been paid of \$300 to \$350 per acre. Apples, peaches and pears produce equally good results.

Mr. Curtis is also managing director of the Oro Denoro Mines, Limited. The Oro Denoro mine is situated in Summit camp and is one of the profitable low-grade copper-gold producers of the Boundary district.

"During the past year we have not been shipping on a large scale," he said, in reply to the reporter's query about the mine. The major portion of the work has been devoted to development and has resulted in the opening up of a fine 70-foot body of ore which is now stripped ready for quarrying. We are awaiting the completion by the Great Northern of a spur to the property before we can ship on a large scale, and we expect to show substantial profits. The mine, I am happy to say, is paying its own way and the company is in a sound financial condition."

Mr. Curtis also said that the company recently acquired an interest in the Hungry Man claim, a gold production Slocan Mountain, about 15 miles from Nelson. "Satisfactory results have been obtained in the sinking of a shaft which is showing a good

Shipping Grade of Pay Ore

If by the end of the year the present showing continues, drifting and stoping will be commenced, and shipments made to the smelter. The values run from \$15 to \$45 in gold and the ore is a pyritic sulphide similar to the Roseland camp, and as is shown on the late Dominion government geological map of a part of the Kootenays, the formation is identical with the same."

Speaking generally of the mining industry in the Kootenays and Boundary districts, Mr. Curtis endorses the opinions expressed by other well-known mining operators in the Colonist during the past few weeks, as improving steadily. Continuing he said: "What appears to me to be the most important factor in obtaining capital from the other side is the remarkable interest displayed by the Great Northern railway in obtaining holdings in the Granby and other big copper companies in Southern British Columbia, and

The Marked Advance to Be Noted

in the shape of the different copper companies. This move on the part of the Great Northern had undoubtedly to do with the investment by the Canadian Pacific railway in Roseland mines, and has already had a most beneficial effect.

The entering of the mining field by these two big corporations is convincing other people that the industry in British Columbia is a legitimate and highly profitable one, and therefore others with money for investment are bound to follow suit."

While this very marked improvement in mining in the interior, and throughout the whole province is highly gratifying I regret to say that the local government which could and should do so much for the industry has done absolutely nothing to bring about the present conditions," he added.

"What about the Transvaal group?" asked the reporter.

"That property was bonded some months ago and the bondholders are vigorously prosecuting development. They have erected commodious premises for the men, of which there are 20 employed, and have an installing machinery plant. When coming through Ashcroft, for the property is situated on Forgy mountain, 18 miles from that town, I was informed that the showing was most encouraging."

When the reporter ventured to suggest politics the ex-M. P. P. vigorously shook his head as a sign that the subject was not to be taken up, though he laughingly added, in concluding his interview, in a convincing way, "Not that I don't think considerable might be said—but I'm out of it."

MENTAL CHAOS COMING ON.

By Professor Edgar L. Larkin.

A few samples of questions received here by the hundred, from all parts of the country:

Q. Is the Darwinian doctrine of evolution of animals and man considered?

A. Biologists are in a state of mental chaos, and all other scientists except mathematicians. All laws of nature, about fifty so far discovered, that are based on mathematics, are known to be settled on a rock foundation. Such sciences as biology, physiology, meteorology and medicine must struggle for a hundred years to come to really settle anything. Chaos reigns supreme among these studies. Nothing is known about the origin of life of any kind, plant or animal.

Q. Is it true that the earth could come to an end and make no difference in the motions of the universe?—Mrs. A. W. Memphis, Tenn.

A. It is indeed true. Move one corner of this paper one inch. You disturb at least two million pieces of dust. Each one is exceedingly small, but it's larger

than the earth.

Exasperated by the escape of the others, a mob of white men stoned the Blazer homestead that night.

Mrs. Naylors—I see you keep your husband's mustache cup and saucer on the dining table when he is away from home, just the same.

Mrs. Crossway—Yes; in case a burglar breaks it, you know, it makes things look as if the man of the house was here.—Chicago Tribune.

For ten years, unless I can sell the stock I'm to get," she confided.

Reason for Present Condition

The reason assigned for the present condition of the company's affairs, necessitating its seeking an amalgamation with a stronger financial corporation like the Dominion Permanent, was the inability to dispose of some 500 acres of land in the neighborhood of High Park, after a very heavy outlay in laying off the property, making fine drives and building four handsome reservoirs, at a cost of from \$12,000 to \$15,000 each. The management had hoped that this section of the city would become very fashionable for wealthy residents and that lots would sell freely. In this the company was doomed to disappointment.

The President Speaks

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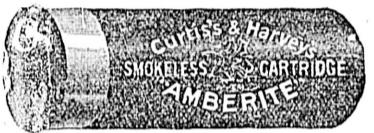
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The big musical event, for which the vocalists have been preparing and the citizens awaiting for some time past, opened last night at the Metropolitan church with a performance of Mendelssohn's "Elijah." A delay occurred in opening the doors, due to a hitch in the management, but otherwise the arrangements for the reception of ticket holders were well carried out, and the festival committee are to be commended upon the way in which they had arranged the undertaking.

The platform was tastefully decorated by a ladies' committee consisting of Mrs. G. H. Barnard, Mrs. F. S. Barnard, Mrs. C. W. Rhodes, Mrs. D. M. Rogers and the Misses Pemberton and Mara, assisted by some of the handy men from the Eggeria.

Shortly before 8 o'clock the members of the chorus entered the church and took their seats, and they were soon followed by the soloists, Miss Kirkwood, Miss Lonsdale, Mr. Harold Wilde and Mr. Wilkin Mills.

The conductor, Mr. Gideon Hicks, then took his position, and promptly at 8 o'clock the Lieutenant-Governor, accompanied by the patrons of the festival and their friends, entered the church and proceeded to their seats during the singing of the national anthem by the chorus.

The performance of "Elijah" then commenced, and for two hours and a half, as the story of Elijah's life was unfolded, his warnings, pleadings and prayers for the people of Israel, his wonderful contest with the prophets of Baal, his grief when the Israelites forsook God for the false gods, and his final ascent to heaven in a fiery chariot, the audience sat in rapt attention.

It is difficult to estimate the educational value of last evening's performance. One certainly would have to be very callous not to carry away some uplifting thought instilled by the very interesting story.

The following members of the chorus were selected to assist Mr. Mills' quartette in those numbers calling for more than four voices: Mrs. Gregson, Mrs. R. H. Pooley, Mr. Howard Russell and Mr. George Phillips, and they performed their parts with a great deal of credit to themselves and to those who were responsible for their selection.

The terzetto, "Lift Thine Eyes to the Mountains Whence Cometh Help," sung by Miss Kirkwood, Miss Lonsdale and Mrs. Pooley, was especially pleasing and the audience insisted upon the number being repeated.

To the English quartette party nothing but unstinted praise can be awarded. Mr. Mills, though suffering from a slight cold, rendered an interpretation of the part of the Prophet Elijah such as never has been heard in Victoria. His pleading with the people of Israel to trust in God, his scorn of the priests of Baal, were most dramatic. He is a wonderful artist, and, after hearing him last evening, it is easy to realize his hold upon English audiences—numbering frequently from twenty to twenty-five thousand people.

One of the best numbers of the evening was Miss Lonsdale's singing of "O Rest in the Lord," which held the audience spellbound. Seldom has anything like it been heard here, and it is much to be regretted that the length and magnitude of the work prevented Miss Lonsdale responding to the very enthusiastic encore she elicited.

Of the work of the chorus, Mr. Mills' own words, given in reply to a request for an expression of opinion on the subject were: "Yours is the best chorus I have heard since leaving England. You have splendid material, and the work this evening shows that in Mr. Hicks you have a conductor of no mean ability, and chorus and conductor have evidently worked well together to produce such good results." The attack throughout was good, the light and shade especially good. I have read with much interest the circular letter sent out by your president and patrons, and note the suggestion of placing your temporary organization in permanent footing. I heartily endorse the suggestion and wish you every success in your efforts."

Asked as to the advisability of attempting a work like the "Elijah" without an orchestra, Mr. Mills said: "Of course there are many tuneful and melodious works of a lighter character you could do without the aid of an orchestra, and I venture to command them to your notice. I understand that it is impossible under present conditions to organize a competent orchestra here, and I am strong of opinion that you are quite justified, indeed I would highly recommend you, in performing "Elijah," or any other oratorio, as you have done this evening, rather than not attempt it at all."

Speaking of himself Mr. Mills said: "The highly heated condition of your hotels, trains and boats are answerable for my cold. We English people are not used to such conditions, and they are a little hard upon us. I am proud of my quartette. We have had a splendid tour. People everywhere have been most kind to us. We left England on April 6 last, have been all through Australia and New Zealand and will sing at all the big Canadian cities on the way home."

At the close of the performance the Lieutenant-Governor congratulated Mr. Gideon Hicks upon the success of the evening and he complimented the soloists personally upon their work.

The festival committee are to be congratulated upon the tastefully arranged programme used for the occasion. It contained the words of the oratorio and was of great assistance to the audience in following the work.

This evening the great quartette, accompanied by Mr. Edward Parlitz, will give a miscellaneous concert at the Victoria theatre, which, judging by the seating plan at Waitt's store, will be packed.

THE PLAYHOUSES.

Watson's Theatre

It was a very large and most enthusiastic audience that witnessed the first production of Dion Boucicault's Irish drama, "Con, the Shaughraun" (which means, in English, "Con, the Vagabond") at the Watson's Theatre last night. The piece is representative of the very best type of Irish drama. The dramatist knew his theme well, and the story is a most fascinating one. The play fairly bubbles over with good, clean Irish wit that keeps the audience always in good humor. There are many number of thrilling scenes, and every climax brought forth rounds of applause. Mr. M. J. Hooley gave an excellent

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performance of "Con," the happy-go-lucky Irish lad. Messrs. Watson, Scott and Pollard all appeared to advantage. Miss Mae Keene made a dashing young Irish miss, as did also Miss Keith. A number of bright new songs were introduced during the play. A feature that called forth much favorable comment last night was the new scenic effects, painted especially for this production. Manager Watson has had the stage made ten feet deeper, which gives him much more room to stage his productions. "Con, the Shaughraun," will run out the balance of the week, with a Saturday matinee. Next week two plays will be presented—"Brother Against Brother" and "Lights of London."

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